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CASE INS/TIM 180291

At the request of CDPM (Comissão para os Direitos do Povo Maubere), member of our network, we call on you to intervene on behalf of the following situation in East Timor.

Brief description of the situation:

Since Indonesia's invasion of East Timor in 1975, the repressive climate imposed has continued to lead to serious and repeated human rights violations. In spite of its magnitude, this situation has received little publicity due to the isolation deliberately enforced on the region, making it enormously difficult to gain recent information attesting to the scale and the increase in the level of repression.

The CDPM has issued a provisional list of cases of human rights violations committed in 1990 and through until the early part of 1991. This list, whilst not exhaustive, reveals the dramatic nature of the situation. During this period, over 400 people were direct victims of such incidents as arrests and/or detention, blows and other forms of ill-treatment, forced disappearances, torture, summary executions, sexual abuse, etc.

No less than 130 people were tortured to varying degrees, and whilst the number of victims of forced disappearances is estimated to be over 35, there were more than 50 cases of summary executions.

Amongst the most recent cases are the following:

1/ On 15 January 1991, in Dili, Mr. **Francisco Antonio Ximenes**, aged 54, a civil servant at the Governor's Office, was arrested at his home, as was a young student identified as **CARLITO**, aged 22. Their whereabouts are still unknown.

2/ **DUARTE FATIMA XIMENES**, aged 22, has also been missing since January 1991.

3/ Mr. **CONSTANCIO CONCEI. PINTO**, aged 26, a teacher at the San José High School in Dili, was arrested on 25 January 1991 and subjected to serious torture, including the use of electric shocks.

4/ Also in January, in Viqueque, **EUROSIA DA SILVA ALVES**, aged 15, a student, was arrested by Indonesian soldiers who, in addition to sexualing abusing him, summarily executed him and mutilated his corpse.

5/ Also in Viqueque, another person, identified as **DOMINGAS**, aged 16, a student, was wounded by members of the military.

6/ As a result of the repression, many people, including many young students, have had to seek refuge in other places in order to escape certain death, serious ill-treatment, torture or other attacks on their physical and psychological integrity.

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7/ In a testimony made at the end of last year, **Abilio MESQUITA**, aged 23, a student, revealed the brutal manner in which he was arrested on 29 October 1990. He was then taken to the military barracks known as SENOPATI 1, at a place called Farol, and subjected to repeated torture: electric shocks, kicks, as well as being beaten with stones and an iron bar, etc. **to force him to identify the priests in Timor as the organisers of the demonstrations** which took place on 4 September. As a result of this torture, his jaw bone was fractured. On 2 November, he was taken to the military hospital where he was denied any medical attention until he paid 500,00 Rupees, a sum which was eventually paid by the Archbishop of Dili, enabling him to be operated on 22 days later.

Action requested:

Please write to the Indonesian authorities calling on them to bring an end to all repressive practices and any acts which violate human rights and fundamental freedoms, and insisting that they identify and punish those responsible for these acts in accordance with the law and international norms.
Demand the immediate release of all those being detained without valid charges which have been duly proved against them at a fair and impartial trial.
Inform the authorities in your own countries, the UN, and other international governmental and non-governmental organisations, calling on them to intercede in order to ensure that appropriate measures are taken to guarantee respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in East Timor, in accordance with international norms.

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Major General Sintong Panjaitan, Commander, Udayana Military

Eric Sottas - 18 February 1991

Please inform us of any action undertaken (kindly mention the code number of the appeal in any related correspondence).

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